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| For: | Absorbent Articles Having Wetness Indicating Graphics Incorporating A Training Zone | | |

Response

Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2004.

Remarks

The application contains claims 1-24, 26, 30, 31 and 38-40. Each claim except claim 23 stands rejected. Claim 23 does not appear to have been addressed in the Office Action. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the Appeal Brief and withdrawing the prior rejections.

A. Rejection Of Claim 1-4, 6-8, 11, 13, 15-18, 24 and 30-31

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 11, 13, 15-18, 24 and 30-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Design Patent 313,076 issued December 18, 1990 to Harju. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants' claimed structure is not anticipated by Harju. Though Harju appears to disclose a diaper having graphics on an outer cover, Harju does not disclose a permanent character graphic. An enlarged image of Figure 3 of Harju, which is described as a bottom plan view, is reprinted below: